(iii) provision of additional need based crop/investment loans, etc. The above guidelines are uniformly applicable to all State/Union Territories including that of Haryana.

780. [*Transferred to 7th May*, 1992].

IMF's Apprehension on Exit Policy

781. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the I.M.F. have expressed their apprehension, recently, that Government were not moving fast enough in evolving the Exit Policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the response of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Filling up of Vacancies of Group 'C' Officers in Customs, Excise & Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal

782. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Group 'C' posts in the Customs, Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal, New Delhi as on the 13th March, 1992;

(b) whether it is a fact that majority of posts are filled up by way of deputation instead of promoting their own permanent employees; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Total number of Group 'C' posts in the Customs, Excise & Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal as on 13-3-92 is 103.

(b) No, Madam.

(c) The Recruitment Rules for some of the Group 'C' posts in the Customs, Excise & Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal do not provide for promotion and in such of the posts where provision for promotion exists and where vacancies are available, the existing officials in feeder cadre are not yet ripe for consideration for promotion. Only such posts are filled up on deputation where the channel of promotion/direct recruitment has not yielded any result.

Foreign Exchange Reserve Position

783. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of foreign exchange reserves as on the 30th March, 1992; and

(b) what steps are proposed to be taken for achieving a sound foreign exchange reserve position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The position of foreign exchange reserves (Excluding Gold and Special Drawing Rights) as on the 30th March, 1992 was Rs. 13565 crores.

(b) The steps proposed to be taken for achieving a sound foreign exchange reserve position include effective implementation of the new system of partial convertibility of Rupee and trade policy so as to reduce gap between exports and imports; measures to increase capital in-flows from both bilateral and multilateral sources consistent with financial prudence; measures to attract direct foreign investment and inflows from non-resident Indians.

Amalgamation of Subsidiaries of G.I.C.

784. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that G.I.C. and its four subsidiary Insurance Companies